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Thank you for your letter 21 September, following our meeting on the 13 to discuss the Contraction & Convergence (C&C) framework.

We clearly agree that C&C has a number of distinct benefits, and it is my belief that the long-term achievement of the UNFCCC's aims is dependent on agreeing emission target outcomes similar to C&C. I believe the framework you have developed will continue to influence and stimulate the international discussions on how to achieve a fair and effective global climate agreement, although we should also acknowledge that achieving the ultimate aim of the UNFCCC – avoiding dangerous climate change - will rely on a range of factors, not least having the right political conditions in key countries.

Many thanks for the analytical paper you have also kindly provided. I agree it is important to carefully analyse the implications of each approach to consider the implications for national targets and financial flows. If the proposals produce extreme results then they are unlikely to garner the broad support that is essential if it is to be environmentally effective. We look forward to examining the findings of a UNEP paper on different framework approaches, if this work is taken forward. My officials are in contact with UNEP but the current plan to produce a report by the Cancun UNFCCC meeting may limit both the scope for further participants and our capacity to provide direct input.



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